

## II. Amendment to the specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 18 as follows:

As discussed above, a need exists for an improvement to the '744 patent to permit alignment of the tubing sections in more than one orientation. In addition, a need exists for an improvement to the '744 patent to allow the introduction of electrical wiring and connections. A further need exists for an improvement to both the '744 patent and the ~~'288~~-application '274 patent so that the benefits of both inventions can be combined in one improved tool joint that allows connection in multiple orientations where the electrical connectors are in the tool joint itself and not in an insert. The needs identified above exist for production tubing, drill pipe, casing, and/or for any cylindrical pipe used to produce hydrocarbons in a subterranean environment.